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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

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Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2015

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on lightweight thermal paper from the People's Republic of China. The period of review is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

DATES: Effective [Insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On November 4, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on lightweight thermal paper (LWTP) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the period of review (POR) of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.¹ The Department received a timely-filed request from Appvion, Inc. (Appvion), in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), for an administrative review of three producers/exporters of lightweight thermal paper from the

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 81 FR 76920 (November 4, 2016).

PRC: Sailing International Limited, Shenzhen Formers Printing Co., Ltd., and Suzhou Xiandai Paper Production Co.² On January 13, 2017, the Department published a notice of initiation.³ Subsequent to the *Initiation Notice*, the Department requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports of subject merchandise during the POR for the companies for which an administrative review was requested.⁴ The CBP data demonstrated that there were no entries of subject merchandise exported by these companies during the POR.⁵ The Department solicited interested party comments,⁶ and we received no comments.

Rescission of Review

It is the Department's practice to rescind an administrative review of a countervailing duty order, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), when there are no reviewable entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.⁷ Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the countervailing duty assessment rate calculated for the review period. *See* 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry that the Department can order CBP to liquidate at the newly calculated countervailing duty assessment rate. Accordingly, in the absence of suspended entries of subject merchandise during the period of this administrative review (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015), we are now rescinding this administrative review of the countervailing duty order on LWTP from the PRC, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

² *See* Letter to the Secretary from Appvion, "Lightweight Thermal Paper From The People's Republic Of China: Request For Administrative Review," dated November 30, 2016.

³ *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 4294 (January 13, 2017) (*Initiation Notice*).

⁴ *See* Memorandum to the File, "Administrative Review of Certain Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Request for U.S. Customs and Border Protection Data," dated February 15, 2017.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *See, e.g., Lightweight Thermal Paper From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 81 FR 50683 (August 2, 2016).

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Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

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